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Police Identify Body of Man Found in Highland

Howard County Police have identified the body of the man found yesterday in a wooded area on Browns Bridge Road near a bridge at the Howard County/Montgomery County lines.

Leon Antwan Swain, 26, of the 2600 block of Rhode Island Avenue in N.E., Washington, D.C., was identified by investigators via photo identification found on the body. Investigators made notification to Swain's next of kin this afternoon.

Yesterday at about 7:30 p.m., a fisherman walking from the banks of the Patuxent River up through a wooded area towards Brown Bridge Road found the body in the woods. The body was located several feet from the roadway in thick, dense woods. The citizen called 911 and was connected with the Montgomery County Police. After Montgomery County Police arrived at the scene, the officer notified Howard County Police to respond as the body was actually on the Howard County side of the bridge.

Agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) joined both police departments at the scene. Members from all three agencies determined that although this investigation is in the preliminary stages, there is nothing to indicate that this incident is in any way related to the recent string of shootings in Montgomery County. Investigators indicated there were no similarities or patterns to this victim that would link his death to the deaths of the other victims in Montgomery County.

Howard County Police are asking that anyone with information pertaining to this case contact the department's 24-hour Tip Line at 410-313-2283. Callers may remain anonymous.

Metro Crime Stoppers offers a reward of up to \$2,000 for information leading to the arrest and indictment of the individuals(s) involved in this incident.

This investigation is continuing. Additional details will be released as they become available.

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